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FIJI SUN SEP 13 CARRIES AAP ARTICLE DATELINED NUKUALOFA ENTITLED "TONGA MAY REJECT RUSSIA". EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE FOLLOW:

"SOVIET COMMERCIAL APPROACHES TO TONGA SEEM MOST UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED IF SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVES CAN BE FOUND , KING TAUFA AHAU TUPOU SAID HERE. SOVIET UNION HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN JOINT FISHING VENTURES IN TONGA WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE EXTENSION OF AIRPORT RUNWAY TO ENABLE REPLACEMENT CREWS TO BE FLOWN IN FROM VLADIVISTOK. DURING 75 MINUTE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF NZ PARLIAMENT, KING MADE IT CLEAR RUSSIAN INITIATIVES WOULD BE ACCEPTED ONLY WITH RELUCTANCE. THREE ANZUS PARTNERS WOULD BE ASKED TO CONSIDER EXTENDING AIRPORT. JAPAN HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN COUNTERING RUSSIAN FEELERS FOR SOME TYPE OF JOINT FISHING VENTURE. KING DID NOT SAY
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DIRECTLY WHETHER DETAILED OFFERS HAD BEEN MADE BY SOVIET

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UNION. BUT OBSERVERS SAID GOT WAS LIKELY TO HAVE
RECEIVED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION....AUCKLAND
REPORT SAID NZ WOULD APPOINT HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TONGA AND
OPEN RESIDENT COMMISSION THERE..."
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